

PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-08-18

October 6, 2008

PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); ARM 17.30.1001 *et seq.*, Montana Ground Water Pollution Control System (MGWPCS); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT:	City of Three Forks P.O. Box 187 Three Forks, MT 59752-0187
FACILITY NAME:	Domestic Wastewater Treatment Facility
FACILITY LOCATION:	NE ¼ Section 36 & SE ¼ Section 25, Township 2 North, Range 1 East, Gallatin County
RECEIVING WATER:	Outfall 001: Madison River
PERMIT NUMBER:	MT0020401

This permit is a re-issuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for a domestic sewage treatment facility. The City of Three Forks operates a 5-cell wastewater treatment facility for its domestic wastewater. Effluent is discharged to the Madison River from April through September annually, and stored the remainder of the year. The facility is not equipped for disinfection. A mixing zone in the Madison River has not been granted.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because this is not a new or increase source.

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APPLICANT NAME: Lang Creek Brewery, Inc.
c/o: Kelly Wilkey, Manager
655 Lang Creek Road
Marion, Montana 59925

FACILITY NAME: Lang Creek Brewery

FACILITY LOCATION: Southeast ¼, Southwest ¼, of Section 18
Township 26 South, Range 26 West
Flathead County

RECEIVING WATER: Class I ground water

PERMIT NUMBER: MTX000088

The permit renewal authorizes the discharge of treated industrial wastewater from the Lang Creek Brewery (LCB). The permittee collects, treats, and disposes of industrial effluent at a production-based, estimated average daily effluent flow rate of 685 gallons per day (gpd). Conventional wastewater treatment occurs in an aeration-settling tank sequence, which goes to a dose tank where it is siphoned-dosed to the subsurface drainfield (Outfall 002) during the winter, or to the land application site during the summer (Outfall 001).

Ground water beneath the property is listed as Class I, according to the Administrative Rules of Montana [ARM 17.30.1006(1)]. The permittee is required to monitor the effluent and the quality of the shallow ground water quarterly to ensure the proper treatment of BOD, TSS, phosphorous, and nitrogen. No ground water mixing zone was requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited **ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 6, 2008.** Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked **PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS November 6, 2008** will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you may e-mail Dianne Beaman at WPBPublicNotices@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373 and 17.30.1024).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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